Confiscation of Magazines Publishing obscene materials

4578. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whethtr it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government has sought powers to confiscate the periodicals and magazines publishing obscene materials; as reported in the 'Times of India' dated the 27th March, 1995;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give such powers; and

(c) whether such types of cases had been brought to their notice from other States also; if so, the number of cases brought to their notice during the last three months and the action taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT):(a) and (b) No Sir, the State Government is itself equiped with powers to confiscate objectionable and obsence literature, picture etc., under the provision of Section 95 of the Cr.P.C.

(c) Several Publications/magazines contaning objectionable and obscene material have come to the notice of State Governments and State Governments are taking action against such publication under Section 95 of Cr. P.C. which gives them power to confiscate obscene/objectionable literature.

Direction of the Delhi High Court on Summoning Person to Police Stations

4579. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Bina notice Kisi ko thane main boolana sanvidhan ka ulanghan" appearing in the Dainik 'Jagran' of the 10th December, 1994;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto:

(c) whether Government are aware that Delhi High Court had ruled sometime back that no person shall be called to police station by the Delhi Police, without first giving him reasons for doing that in writing;

(d) if so, whether the Court's direction is being followed by the Delhi Police, in letter and spirit;

(e) whether any violation thereof has come to Government's notice; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the guilty Police officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The High Court of Delhi, while disposing of criminal writ petition No. 848/94 had observed that police interrogation, if warranted, should take place where the person is found and that the police have no business to take any person to the police station without following the procedure laid down in Section 162 of the Criminal Procedure Code. Failure to observe this procedure is viewed seriously stern diciplinary action is initiated whenever instances of default come to notice.

(e) and (f) In the case mentioned above, the Court has expressed the hope that such lapses would not be repeated by the concerned SHO. In view of this, no action was taken against any police official in this case. The SHO has been duly counselled to exercise restrain & observe procedure, in future.

Persons arrested with forged Passports and visa

4580. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested travelling on forged passports and visas in the country during the last three year, year-wise;